UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

USMC Summer Leadership and Character Development Academy

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- A strategic initiative designed to attract our nation's top-performing high school students by offering a one-week leadership program in the Washington, D.C.- Area

  - Provide leadership training, character development, ethics lessons, and college admissions guidance
  - Leadership opportunity and personal development with a community service component
  - Most activities located at Quantico, VA
  - 150 high school rising juniors/seniors
  - 19-25 July, 2015 (Sunday to following Saturday)

Key Components of the Program

- Team Building
- Leadership & Ethics Case Studies & Activities
- Daily Physical Fitness Classes
- Distinguished Speakers
- Community Service Project
- College Guidance and Advice
- Introduction to NROTC-Marine Option and Other Officer Program Opportunities
- Visits to Washington, D.C. (Holocaust Museum, Congressional Visits, Dept. of Education)

Who?

- Male and female students that have completed 10th grade
- Are at least 16 years old (born on or before July 20, 1999)
- Have not yet graduated from high school and/or preparatory school.
- Selection to the program will consider the following:
  - Academic achievement
  - Athleticism (team or individual sports)
  - Leadership (part-time job, team captain, civic org, church, etc.)
  - Morally sound and of good character (Letter(s)

2012 SLCDA

2013 SLCDA

2014 SLCDA

What?

- The following Youth Camps are familiar models, however, SLCDA is a unique version developed by the Marine Corps:
  - *Outdoor Odyssey*
  - *Scout Camps (Philmont)*
  - *High Adventure Camps*
  - *Outward Bound*
  - *Service Academy Summer Seminars*
  - *Devil Pups*
- The difference? SLCDA is *academically* focused on developing character, leadership, ethics, morals, physical fitness and personal values.

When and Where?

- July 19-25, 2015
  - Sunday, July 20th is the arrival date.
  - SLCDA 'check-in' occurs at the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) at Quantico, VA **by 3pm**.
  - There will be a shuttle provided on 19th and 25th between Washington-Reagan National Airport (DCA) and SLCDA (with prior notice).
  - No cost for billeting and food. Most activities/events will occur on base, however there will be a nominal charge for chow for off-base excursions (i.e. Washington DC/Capitol Trip).
  - Participation in a Graduation Ceremony on July 25th, 2015.

  - This program is **free**. Transportation between the student's home and Quantico (*or DCA, if flying in*) is the **responsibility of the applicant.**

Itinerary

July 19th-25th, 2015

Sun Day 1 Arrival
- Arrival at National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC)
- Welcome Brief by SLCDA Leadership
- Movement to Camp Upshur
- Cadre Introduction – Team Building
- USMC Leadership Traits & Principles Class
- Guest Speaker
- Personal Time

Mon Day 2 USMC
- Morning Physical Training (PT)
- HMX-1 Brief/ Tour
- USMC Leadership Class/Exercise/ Land Navigation course
- ISMT Trainer Camp Upshur
- Evening Lecture-Extreme Goal Setting
- Personal Time

Tues Day 3 DC
- Morning PT
- Holocaust Museum-Ethic Case Study
- Capitol Hill Visit/ White House
- Dept. of Education Brief
- Iwo Jima 8th and I Exhibition (Sunset Parade)
- Personal Time

Wed Day 4 TBS Day
- Morning PT
- USMC Leadership Exercise
- Guest Speaker
- Leadership/Ethic training
- Field Exercise
- Leadership Reaction Course/
- Obstacle Course
- Personal Time

Thurs Day 5 Ethics Day College Prep
- CASEVAC Scenario / Aviation
- Ethics Scenario
- Guest Speaker College Prep/Essay writing
- Evening Guest Speaker
- Service Projects Lecture for High School Students
- Personal Time

Fri Day 6 Service Day
- Modified PFT/CFT
- Historical Brief
- Service Project Day
- Evening Lecture
- Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Day
- Week in Review
- Exit Survey
- Personal Time

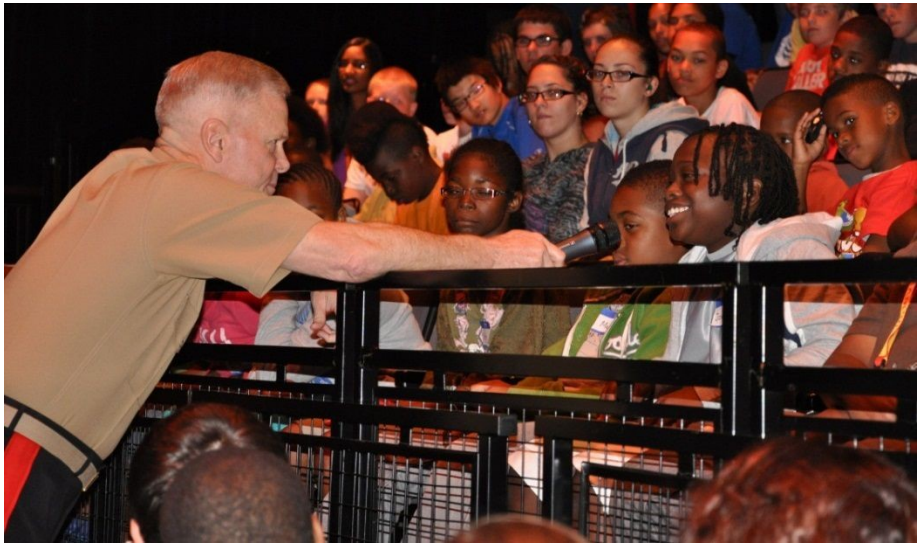
Sat Day 7 Departure
- Awards: Competition, Team Spirit, Team Competition, Iron Mike, etc.
- Graduation
- Commanding General – MCRC final Remarks
- Departure

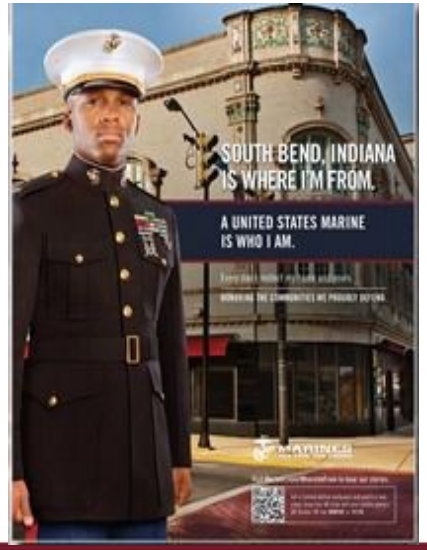
Why SLCDA?

'***An all Community Approach***'

- SLCDA is an excellent summer alternative for budding high school students.
- It is our resolve to return an enthusiastic student and citizen to their hometown with enhanced leadership skills and a heightened appreciation for ethics, morals, values and community service.
- Students will receive a '***snapshot***' of what the Marine Corps has to offer and espouses. If they are interested in a career in the Marine Corps' Officer Programs, they will be provided with the literature to pursue it. If not, there is NO obligation.
- Influencers (*parents, extended family, educators, etc.*) will continue to hold the Marine Corps in high regard, having observed the positive changes in the student's behavior, demeanor, and character after one week at SLCDA.

All Community Approach





How?

- The Marine Corps identifies leaders who are intelligent, show aptitude, are in good physical condition, are service oriented, and then develop theses attributes utilizing a '*crawl, walk, run*' system.
- At SLCDA, this will include:
  - Guest speakers, academics and exercises that espouses the Marine Corps philosophy on leadership and character development.
  - Team-Building Exercises to reinforce what was taught in the classroom.
  - Field Exercises that evaluates and further reinforces the application of learned material and are designed to challenge students when they are placed into a leadership role (responsible for leading their team and resolving a given

Academics, Physical Training, & Practical Application

Links

Facebook (search for USMC Summer Leadership) or click:
HTTPS://www.FaceBook.com/MarinesSLCDA

News Article: High school students participate in i naugural leadership camp

Email with questions, comments, concerns:
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